

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings includes new Figures 1 and 2.

Attachment

Remarks/Arguments:

The applicants greatly appreciate the courtesy extended by Examiner Tu Nguyen during a telephonic examiner interview on August 13, 2007. The substance of this interview is summarized in the interview summary held on August 16, 2007. In that interview summary, Examiner Nguyen notes that the proposed amendment to the claims to recite a flow through, non-filtered substrate renders the claims allowable pending further search and consideration. The interview summary also notes that it would be helpful to include a drawing to show a conventional flow through, non-filtered substrate monolith.

Consistent with the interview, the applicants amend with this filing independent claims 1 and 36 to recite that the flow through substrate monolith is "non-filtered." Support for this amendment is found in the application at, for example, page 7, lines 18-23. Newly added independent claims 41 and 43 also recite that the flow through substrate monolith is "non-filtered." More particularly, claim 41 is directed to a catalysed soot filter system which may include platinum on the substrate monolith, as recited in claim 45 and supported at page 8, lines 8-12. Support for claim 42 is found by at page 7, lines 1-12, which show different embodiments for the "first substrate," also referred to at page 8, line 9. Support for claim 43 is found at page 7, lines 14-16. Claim 44 is supported by claim 5 as originally filed and at page 7, lines 3-5. Claim 47 is directed to a two-component system, wherein each component comprises a filter and is supported at page 7, lines 18-23.

The particular citations for support are provided for the Examiner's convenience, and the amendments to the claims and newly added claims may be supported elsewhere in the application.

In addition, the applicants have added Figures 1 and 2 which show a flow through substrate monolith and a longitudinal cross-sectional view of a flow through substrate monolith, respectively, as is known in the art. No new matter has been added by these figures.

To summarize, claims 1-3, 13-21, 25, 30-40 were pending in this application. With this filing, claims 1, 3, 15, 17-21, 25, 36, 39, and 40 have been amended, and claims 41-47 are newly added. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 13-21, 25, and 30-47 are the pending claims in this application.

In view of the arguments set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the currently pending claims, as amended, are allowable. Notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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